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SUBJ: THIRD COMMITTEE--UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
REFUGEES--AGENDA ITEM 80

1. THE THIRD COMMITTEE ADOPTED NOVEMBER 19 BY CONSENSUS
THREE RESOLUTION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 80. THESE RESOLUTIONS
WERE: REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES (L. 2180), HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE
INDO-CHINESE DISPLACED PERSONS (L. 2181), AND ELABORATION
OF A DRAFT CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM (L. 2184).
TEXT OF THESE RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED BELOW.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS OFFICE
AND HAVING HEARD HIS STATEMENT,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE EFFORTS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
IN CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES FOR THOSE OF CONCERN TO HIS OFFICE
AS WELL AS THE SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN TASKS WHICH HE IS CALLED
UPON TO UNDERTAKE,
REAFFIRMING THE EMINENTLY HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER OF THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE BENEFIT OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED
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SHARING THE GRAVE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
REGARDING THE INCREASING NEED FOR PROTECTING THE BASIC RIGHTS
OF REFUGEES;

COMMENDING THE INCREASING NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING
TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMMES OF ASSISTANCE AND NOTING
IN THIS CONEXION, THE DECISION OF HIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THAT THE REPSONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING THE FINANCIAL
AND OTHER RESOURCES REQUIRED BY HIS OFFICE SHOULD BE SHARED
BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,

RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR FURTHER ACCESSIONS TO THE CONVENTION
RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES OF 1951, THE PROTOCOL OF
1967 AND OTHER RELEVANT INSTRUMENTS,

1. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP SATISFACTION AT THE EFFICIENT MANNER IN WHICH
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND HIS STAFF CONTINUE TO
ACCOMPLISH THEIR HUMANITARIAN TASKS;

2. REQUESTS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS,
IN COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND VOLUNTARY
AGENCIES TO PROMOTE PERMANENT AND SPEEDY SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS
FACING HIS OFFICE, THROUGH VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION AND
ASSISTANCE IN REHABILITATION, INTEGRATION IN COUNTRIES OF
ASYLUM OR RESETTLEMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS NEEDED;

3. FURTHER REQUESTS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INTENSIFY HIS
EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES IN AFRICA, NOTABLY THOSE
RETURNING TO THEIR COUNTRIES FOLLIWING
INDEPENDENCE AND URGES THE FULLEST COOPERATION OF ALL
CONCERNED FOR THIS PURPOSE;

4. URGES GOVERNMENTS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THEIR SUPPORT TO THE
HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER BY:
(A) FACILITATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS TASKS IN THE FIELD
OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION;
(B) COOPERATING IN THE PROMOTION OF PERMANENT SOLUTIONS TO
THE PROBLEMS FACED BY HIS OFFICE;
(C) PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL MEANS TO ATTAIN
THE OBJECTIVES OF HIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES. UNQTE
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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

NOTING THE INFORMATON PROVIDED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON
THE ASSISTANCE BEING GIVEN BY HIS OFFICE TO THE INDO-CHINESE
DISPLACED PERSONS,

NOTING FURTHER THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME UNANIMOUSLY RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR CONTINUED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE RESULTING FROM EVENTS IN THE INDO-CHINESE PENINSULA.

ENDORSES THIS VIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND URGES THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN ITS SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THIS REGARD. UNQTE

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3272(XXIX) OF 10 DECEMBER 1974 RELATING TO THE ELABORATION OF A DRAFT CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM,

NOTING THAT A GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM, CONSTITUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION, HAVE REVIEWED THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM AND HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR REPORT THEREON,

NOTING THE VIEW REITERATED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME THAT A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM BE CONVENED TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM,

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES FROM 10 JANUARY 1977
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TO 4 FEBRUARY 1977 TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT A CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM;

2. DECIDES THAT THE COST FOR HOLDING THE CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES SHOULD BE MET BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS;

3. AUTHORIZES THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SEEK SUCH FUNDS;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REFER THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS TO MEMBER STATES FOR ANY OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS THAT THEY MAY WISH TO MAKE BEFORE THE CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES. UNQTE
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